state the findingsof the investigations, mentioned by them and place a copy of the views of the Harbour Engineer on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The investigations have not yet beenmade by the Harbour Engineer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the answer may I know whether the Hon'ble the Chief Engineer's answer was sent to the Government when the Harbour Engineer was asked by the Government to submit his views?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why the Government could not get the views though it is more than one year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question is answered. The investigation has not been made by the Harbour Engineer. The Government have requested him.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was the request made in that year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It must have been.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—That has not yet come?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Municipal election rules—application of.

487. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the disqualification mentioned in rule 4 (1) of the Municipal Election Rules published on 15th Chingam 1098 will apply to political prisoners convicted in British India or elsewhere under offences connected with the Civil Disobedience Movement; and if it does apply

(b) whether they are aware that disqualification similar to that mentioned in (a) has been annulled in British India now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the Government are aware that Messrs. Yakub Hassan, Satyamurti and many others were allowed to stand for the election in the Municipalities due to the change in the Rules?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am sorry we have not ascertained it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you kindly inquire into it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that for offences in moral turpitude, Government placed restrictions on the public speaking gentlemen?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have answered the question as the law stands here.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that no such restriction is imposed by any civilised country upon the public spirited citizen in carrying out what he considers as public duties ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Is not such an offence an offence of moral excellence ?

President.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether it is still the intention of Government to continue to keep on that disqualification?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not had any occassion to consider that question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether it is still the intention of the Government to keep it on or whether they have any objection to do away with that disqualification ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They have not had any occasion to come to any decision on that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will they consider ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That they can.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—May I know whether the Government would inquire whether any change has been made there and if they find that a change has been made whether the Government have any objection to copy that change?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We will inquire the procedure in British India and we will try to adopt it.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will those who have committed the offence in British India be disqualified here ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice. I should read the section more carefully.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what is the rationale for disqualification? What has the disqualification in British India to do with here ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government did not answer that question either positively or categorically.

Government levy from Motor and Steam boats

488. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** —Will the Government be pleased to state the amount Government levy comes to annually on every thousand rupees invested by the public in motor and steam boats ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know why the Government have no information on their own levy, the levy which has been made by themselves ?

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